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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- (Previously presented) A percutaneously absorbable preparation comprising sodium dictofenac and ammonium chloride, wherein the ammonium chloride is blended at the range of from 0.5 to 10 fold (mole/mole) based on the sodium dictofenac.
 - 2. 3. (Cancelled).
- (Previously presented) The percutaneously absorbable preparation according to claim 1, wherein the percutaneously absorbable preparation is a nonaqueous preparation.
- (Previously presented) The percutaneously absorbable preparation according to claim 1, wherein the percutaneously absorbable preparation is a patch comprising a matrix, or an ointment.
 - (Cancelled)
- 7. (Previously presented) The percutaneously absorbable preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ammonium chloride is combined at the range of from 0.5 to 7 fold (mole/mole) based on the sodium diclofenac.

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- 8. (Previously presented) The percutaneously absorbable preparation according to any one of claims 1, 4-5 or 7, which is a percutaneously absorbable matrix preparation, wherein the sodium diclofenac and the ammonium chloride are contained in an adhesive base laver.
- 9. (Previously presented) The percutaneously absorbable preparation according to claim 8, wherein the adhesive base layer is composed of one or more than two of styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer, polyisobutylene, and acrylic adhesive.
- 10. (Previously presented) A percutaneous absorption accelerating composition of sodium diclofenac, which contains ammonium chloride, wherein the ammonium chloride is blended at the range of from 0.5 to 10 fold (mole/mole) based on the sodium diclofenac.

11. - 12. (Cancelled)

- 13. (New) A method for improving the percutaneous absorbability of sodium diclofenac in a non-aqueous percutaneously absorbable preparation, the method comprising providing ammonium chloride in the preparation at a range of from 0.5 to 10 fold mole/mole based on the sodium diclofenac.
- (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein ammonium chloride is blended at a range of from 0.5 to 7 fold mole/mole based on the sodium diclofenac.
- (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the non-aqueous percutaneously absorbable preparation is a patch comprising a matrix or an ointment.

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- 16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the sodium diclofenac and the ammonium chloride are contained in an adhesive base layer.
- 17. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the adhesive base layer is composed of one or more than two of styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer, polyisobutylene, and acrylic adhesive.